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2 We are diabolical in nature, & not heavenly. We love, forgive, forget as God does. We forget - because we will not remember "our business with the ~~world~~ <sup>devil</sup> stuff." But by the "warring boom of time" is it pressed into the texture of the whole universe - this last 10 years, as well as every other time. & we cannot get away from the ~~greatest~~ <sup>greatest</sup> & responsibilities consequent. We have been taken (as a ~~thunder~~ <sup>thunder</sup> ~~storm~~ <sup>storm</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> the same, almighty power whose strength was seen in the ~~Chetayat~~ <sup>Chetayat</sup> & ~~conspicuous~~ <sup>conspicuous</sup> in such an eminent manner, & put through a ~~dominant~~ <sup>dominant</sup> ~~guidance~~ <sup>guidance</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> suffering for our kind. What I advise is to say in modern English - "he that supports his hand into the ~~crisis~~ <sup>crisis</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> us - even this very Lucas of a Lewis Gifford, I leave it to H. B. Stuntor, Elwyn Wright, William Jay, J. C. Jackson, W. H. Burleigh, Wm Goodell, Benoit Eugene, all pretending to be abolitionists, the same are they that shall betray us as often as they can make the opportunities they live in wait for. "We love our enemies" but shall we strike sail, to let them then hang us & bore holes in the bottom. "Let them work if they will." Not our ruin though. You have misunderstood my letter a little, but I only ~~thank~~ <sup>thank</sup> the more highly of you for yours. But to a more immediately pressing topic - one which will stir up all the friends of the cause who build <sup>in</sup> the least upon doctrine, far more than this of giving a name the lining of our sanction to abuse at his pleasure for our destruction which is merely a practical thing. I allude to the feelings which are of course swelling high in the mind of every comcomter. Abby Kelly is here with us. She is perfectly satisfied with your position as defined in your letter to us, in answer to our ~~hesitant~~ <sup>hesitant</sup> that you would be the editor of the Standard, but says that the subscribers of her getting ~~unwilling~~ <sup>unwilling</sup> to a large number, having never heard



that there are two ways of thinking on this subject & on  
 the platform of the Lib. Soc. & then all come out in the  
 sense that, Lush Spriague, herself, myself, Stephen S. Loring,  
 Garrison, Wendell Phillips are so do not know that there  
 is another sense the sense in which James Jackson, Elias G.  
 Loring & yourself are so; i.e. the refusal to vote remotely  
 for pro-slavery candidates - for men who will not  
 answer satisfactorily the interrogations we put them. Thus she  
 thinks as we do is the practical coming out which I wish  
 only on the U.S. platform we have a right to require &  
 she is sensible that the Liberty Party affect the phraseology  
 "come out of your party," instead of "refuse to save them by your  
 vote its pro-slavery nominees" because the former suits  
 their purpose best. Nevertheless she says & so do I for it is  
 the fact the the advocates of entire separation (Garrison &  
 W. as above mentioned) direct on a course of its fulfil-  
 ment, & consequently & not because of its being  
 necessary for them to guard, for the preservation of their con-  
 sistency in the enemy's eyes, to the idea of coming out  
 & being separate. I told her you were absent from  
 the country I believed - all all events from the  
 meetings & from the active advocacy of the cause at the  
 time that coming out became so general. That  
 the great majority of the members of the Lib. Soc. are  
 such. Her spirit is most lovely in the whole matter.  
 A more truly angelic disposition I have never witnessed.  
 (I think also that I have the discernment of spirit.)  
 I do assure you that there is nothing bitter & acrid  
 or wrong in her position. Not a particle of  
 intolerance, as we feared from the insinuations of  
 the Boston might be the case. She is aware of the one



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thought & effort of the enemy to sink the Society that  
that they may sink the cause into a quagmire to swamp  
them overboard in: I found by observation at the  
Buffalo Convention what they are doing to injure you.  
They of course make use of this ambiguity of phraseology  
& this unmotherly patriotism ascribed by you to come out  
to rouse up the honest come-outers whom she has  
convinced, & who take naturally to political action, & super-  
independent nomination, to the nominations of the  
old parties, to indignation against the Am. Soc. as  
sanctioning voting for pro-slavery candidates - notes  
that terminate in Van Buren or Clay a "Democrat"  
Whitaker &c. To which she replies that if Mr. Phillips  
has to understand, he was, she was confident, mistaken  
at all events, that no man advocating such notes could remain  
the Editor of the Am. Soc. I told you that article would  
do a great work & it will. It will not be  
entirely understood at first. Finally, it will. I admire  
it as from the platform of the American Society, &  
though I am aware of the fallacy of the idea that  
the man who comes out in the complete sense of the  
word, as Wendell Phillips from both Church & State on  
Pure Anti-Slavery Grounds, loses any influence.  
If Church & State were the only relations of human beings  
it would be so. But the natural ties of friendship, blood,  
neighborhood, marriage, merchandise &c. are all  
stronger. But because I know that sitting at  
the common table of the Church, or the Council  
table of the State, while slaveholders are at either  
Sanctioning them as fit Legislators & Christian  
Ministers, - "the light of the world has as they are" - I see that



more is done by those who, as Jesus says 'are lifted<sup>5</sup>  
up, drawing all men unto them' than by those who  
by not advancing to my position think to accomplish  
more than they can in any other way. Because I  
felt that you are none the less acceptable members  
of the Society or less influential upon the world of free slavery.  
You are in the sphere of my  
influence. ~~For~~ <sup>as far as that goes</sup> ~~What~~ <sup>reasons</sup> though I could conscien-  
tiously ~~set~~ <sup>take</sup> the Standard on your principles I refused  
to take it when urged to do so, because it would not  
be so natural a position for me as my present one  
of servant of all work. While at the same time it  
would not afford me space to sketch my whole Anti-Slavery  
length & therefore would diminish my power. (You know  
I am merely sketching philosophically as to facts here, & not  
in praise of length or disparagement of breadth or in decri-  
gation of organs, platforms & organization all of which  
I like for what they are - not rejecting of them what it  
is not in them to afford. But the fact is that here is  
the place where you can make fully & fully, if we will  
at you, & surely you know us, that we should think  
it a sacrifice to hinder. Only make it expressly clear  
about the confusion of Philosophy & that we are doing  
nothing but what is right to pursue you for not coming  
out as we do, Just as we allow that it is your right  
to proceed as for coming out of this general ~~thing~~  
concerns I find, as well as their genealogy. But it is a small  
matter to genuine friends. It is what they are made for.  
Requiring enemies is the grand thing that never must  
be done in our present circumstances because it's 'most  
tolerable & <sup>not</sup> to be endured' - being wicked, if <sup>done</sup> with



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thought & knowledge of its consequences & concatenations accord-  
ingly." I think that in the nature of things the Standard  
as the organ of an association which is neither a religious sect  
nor a political party, must necessarily be so near the sphere  
temptation that none but the strongest minds can stand there  
influencing, & not being influenced from behind, &  
not wounding the things which think they are before. These  
things however which I have touched upon, with the idea  
that additions to the Society are not actually taking place  
nor looked for & the equal lot of way in which both  
rumors of the Anti-Slavery Association "of one of which is good  
& the other the embattled ranks of a pro-slavery priesthood  
& their creatures for our destruction" are spoken of. Severe  
criticism might object to, but they are not important.  
Because we have learned wisdom by experience & do  
not <sup>now</sup> deliver a <sup>single</sup> lecture & then from an unseasoned society which  
to a dead certainty <sup>forms</sup> the parent of division - because  
We live in Boston are as we ever were more afraid  
of having persons <sup>in an unprepared state</sup> joining us, <sup>enriching our numbers</sup> than <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>lest</sup> they  
should gain thereby a vantage ground for the injury of the  
cause, & as ~~not~~ therefore cease to expect or gain  
accessions. Garrison will probably reply to your article in  
paternal spirit, as soon as his family afflictions permit  
in the Standard. For there is the place & the arena for the  
platform, upon which differences of opinion <sup>as to</sup> upon the consistent  
course are to be discussed. A small space for such discus-  
sions, will make the paper the more interesting.  
The board me & were refreshed by conversation induc-  
ed by this article. "We have been fed" I repeat.  
The liberality to Collins - notions as being an original fi-  
cation - for coadjutorship, at a moment when temptation



was so strong — The bearing down upon what in  
New England, <sup>as it appears, everywhere else too</sup>  
is the one <sup>that first meets us</sup> ~~obstacle~~, the outermost thickets of the seven fold  
shield that defends slavery — i.e. Liberty party is the  
uprising circumstance. <sup>between the</sup> Annual Meeting next year is to be the special meeting  
at Philadelphia. If we can hold on till then, all will go well  
yet. If we are knocked directly down, that will be a staff  
like the great fire at West Cross, an apology for all the  
discrepancies of "Florentines & Bacon in - Reverence" of our  
Poor boards. If we can have a quiet <sup>erupt in the matter of cruelty & death</sup> ~~conversational~~ <sup>for services</sup>  
meeting of a few wise folks like you & ourselves, we  
shall do yet. I say it to you in <sup>my</sup> ~~just~~ <sup>truth</sup> that if  
the war had not slackened while we were away in  
Haiti & the Liberty party like a rampaging <sup>not be</sup>  
allowing to suck our blood, the <sup>by this</sup> ~~Disunion~~ <sup>Disunion</sup> ~~party~~ would have gone, the  
way of all the rest of the shapes that opposition to the Canal  
clothes itself withal. But, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>war</sup> that for a space and faint  
should, trebly thunder, swell the fall.

We are as busy as possible planning  
about the Fair. Oh! Splendora are the visions  
that float "like dreams before the half shut eye." Oh  
that we were the Executive Committee! "One black woman  
only, hush horn were worth a thousand" - Holland. But  
as it is, we cannot ask for money for you in  
our own names. & those are the <sup>few</sup> ~~names~~ <sup>names</sup> where  
by the American Society is saved, numerous as are  
the pleasant Lazy-homes who loaf round in her  
streets. Oh if James, dear good soul, had seen



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 the things which belong to the payment of  
 debts, when they glanced before his eyes. He has  
 for our correspondence with his Committee (he calls it)  
 him I call it. He has seized a responsibility which  
 I should have but under a little. We looked at  
 him with the wonder which would strike us to see  
 a baby undertake, against the company's orders to be  
 engaged, & commence operations by putting out the fire,  
 the only safe course for a baby & then expect to get

our board have order to close  
 an address

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reference of his country, say something  
 "The admirable article with which  
 you have so judiciously  
 selected"

there! Saving fuel to avoid debt! Get what  
 faithful child it has been as to Lewis Tappan  
 Remember that! it covers a mountain of shame  
 The night I wrote to you I wrote to  
 Rogers, Garrison, Roundell Jackson, Abby  
 Reddy & in short all the friends, touching the  
 "where we are" & received since lots of letters from  
 remote people whom I did not write to, "all of a kind  
 stir about it," & begging leading remarks in the Lib  
 about it. I shall if Garrison is too worn down by the

beginning of this  
 "The admirable article with which  
 you have so judiciously  
 selected"